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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of $905.00 to cover the three month extension of time fee ($510.00) and the Request for Continued Examination fee ($395.00) for a small entity;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination;
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5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

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